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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4027-02
Bill No.: SCS for SBs 812, 752 & 909
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Licenses - Motor Vehicle; Revenue Department
Type: Original
Date: February 19, 2010

Bill Summary: This proposal allows motorists to obtain various special license plates under certain conditions.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Highway Fund	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 9 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** state that any potential costs arising from assisting the Department of Revenue with rulemaking can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections - Missouri Vocational Enterprises, Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Veterans Commission, and the Missouri National Guard** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

According to officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the proposal. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

The **Department of Revenue (DOR)** response to proposals similar to, or identical to, this one in previous sessions indicated DOR planned to absorb the administrative costs to implement the proposal. Due to budget constraints, reduction of staff, and the limitations within the DOR motor vehicle legacy systems, changes cannot be made without significant impact to DOR resources and budget. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this proposal is estimated as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

§301.477 - COMBAT ACTION

1. Procedures will need to be revised by a Management Analyst Specialist I requiring 40 hours of overtime at a cost of \$805 in FY 11.
2. The Application for Missouri Military Personalized License Plates (DOR-4601) will need to be revised to include a new military plate type. This will require 40 hours of overtime for a Management Analyst Specialist I, at a cost of \$805 in FY 11.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

3. The DOR web site will need to be updated to include the new plate type. This will require 10 hours of overtime for an Administrative Analyst III, at a cost of \$218 in FY 11.

DOR is charged \$279 for the initial set-up of a new specialty plate for passenger, truck, and RV as well as an additional charge of \$92 each to include disabled and motorcycle plates, for a total of \$463 for the initial set-up. This is a one-time fee that will be charged upon passage of this bill in FY 11.

Currently, it costs DOR \$4.75 per plate, \$9.50 per set of plates, for manufacturing flat plates through Missouri Vocational Enterprises. The number of applicants who will wish to obtain this plate is unknown. DOR is assuming 100 applicants in FY 11 at a cost to DOR of \$950 in FY 11.

Total cost for plate set-up and manufacturing: FY 11 \$1,413

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

§301.3160 - MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Motor Vehicle Bureau:

- Procedures will need to be revised by a Management Analyst Specialist I requiring 40 hours of overtime at a cost of \$805 in FY 11.
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Total cost for plate set-up and manufacturing: FY 11 \$1,413

Oversight assumes DOR is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. **Oversight** assumes DOR could absorb the personal service costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DOR could request funding through the appropriation process.

Information Technology - OA-ITSD (DOR):

System Modifications: The Title and Registration Intranet Processing System (TRIPS) plate table would need to be updated to reflect the new specialty plate types. This function requires minimal programming and will be absorbed by existing staff.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

REVENUE IMPACT

§301.477 - COMBAT ACTION

The number of applicants who will wish to obtain this plate is unknown. However, for each 100 Combat Action military plate applications received, DOR assumes there will be an increase in revenue each year of \$1,500 that would be distributed 75% to Highway Fund, 15% to cities, and 10% to counties as a result of the \$15 military plate fee.

It is unknown how many applicants there will be during the scope of this fiscal note. Military specialty plates do not have a required number of applications before the plate can be produced.

§301.3158 - LEGION OF MERIT

DOR states that the Missouri Veterans Commission has made repeated attempts to obtain information on the number of Missouri recipients of the “Legion of Merit” award from the Department of Defense and have been unsuccessful. The number of applicants who will wish to obtain this plate is unknown. However, for each 100 Legion of Merit specialty plate applications received, DOR assumes there will be an increase in revenue each year of 1,500 that would be distributed 75% to Highway Fund, 15% to cities, and 10% to counties as a result of the \$25 specialty plate fee.

It is unknown how many applicants there will be during the scope of this fiscal note. Military specialty plates do not have a required number of applications before the plate can be produced.

§301.3160 - MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

The number of applicants who will wish to obtain this plate is unknown. However, for each 100 Multiple Sclerosis Society specialty plate applications received, DOR assumes there will be an increase in revenue each year of \$2,500 that would be distributed 75% to Highway Fund, 15% to cities, and 10% to counties as a result of the \$25 specialty plate fee.

Oversight assumes that before this specialty plate is produced and DOR would incur the associated costs, there must be at least 200 applicants committed to purchase the plate. It is unknown if there will be the required number of applicants during the scope of this fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation** concur with the response from the Department of Revenue.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost</u> - Department of Revenue - Processing costs for specialty plates	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(Less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$100,000)</u>
HIGHWAY FUND			
<u>Income</u> - Specialty plate fees	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON HIGHWAY FUND	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Income</u> - Cities and Counties - Specialty plate fees	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>	Less than <u>\$100,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>	<u>Less than \$100,000</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation creates various specialized license plates.

§301.477 - COMBAT ACTION

This section allows persons who have been awarded combat action badges to apply for a special license plate bearing the words "COMBAT ACTION" and an image of a combat action badge. There shall be an additional fee charged for each set of special combat action badge license plates issued equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates.

§301.3158 - LEGION OF MERIT

This section creates the "LEGION OF MERIT" special license plate and allows any person who has been awarded this military service award to apply for it. To obtain the special license plate, a person must make application, furnish proof as a recipient of the Legion of Merit Medal, and pay a \$15 fee to the Department of Revenue in addition to the registration fee and any other documents required by law.

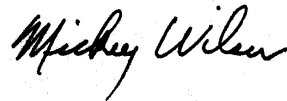
§301.3160 - MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

This section of the proposed legislation allows motorists to obtain Multiple Sclerosis special license plates. In order to obtain the specialty plates, the motorist must pay an annual \$25 emblem-use contribution to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a \$25 specialty license plate fee, and regular registration fees. The specialty plates shall bear the words "JOIN THE MOVEMENT" in lieu of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Before this specialty plate may be issued, the director must receive in receipt of a list of at least 200 potential applicants who plan to purchase the plate and an application fee to defray the cost for developing the specialty plate.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Attorney General
Department of Transportation
Department of Revenue
Department of Corrections
 Missouri Vocational Enterprises
Office of Secretary of State
 Administrative Rules Division
Missouri National Guard
Department of Public Safety
 Missouri Highway Patrol
 Missouri Veterans Commission



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